of the total population of the State, is expected to be brought under TV coverage by the end of the current financial year (1988-89). Out of the rural population of the State, about 58.2 per cent will be covered.

Production of Oilseeds

415 PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of oilseeds during 1987-88;

(b) what percentage of the consumption needs of edible oils was met by this production;

(c) what was the shortfall in meeting the consumption needs of edible-oils; and

(d) the impact of Technology Mission on production of oil-seeds in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The production of total nine oilseeds, during the year 1987-88 is tentatively estimated at 118 lakh tonnes.

(b) and (c) During the current oil year 1987-88 (November, 87- October, 88) the production was to meet about 30 per cent of the total consumption of edible oil in the country. The shortfall of 21 lakh metric tonnes of edible oil, as estimated earlier, is expected to decline by 2 to 3 lakh tonnes due to higher production in rabi season.

(d) Despite one of the worst droughts faced by the country, the oilseeds production during 1987-88 showed an increase over the earlier two years, i.e. an increase of 3.06 per cent over 1986-87 and of 8.96 per cent over 1985-86. This could largely be attributed to the promotional work undertaken by the partner agencies in the Technology Mission on Oilseeds.

Buffer stocks of rice and wheat

416. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the position of buffer stocks of rice and wheat at the end of the year 1987-88 (as on 1st April, 1988);

(b) whether there has been any shortfall in the procurement of rice and wheat during the first six months of 1988; and

(c) whether Government propose to import rice and wheat to meet to the domestic situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) As on 1st April, 1988, total stock of rice and wheat with public agencies was estimated at 5.9 million tonnes and 3.3 million tonnes respectivey.

(b) Yes, Sir. Procurement during January to June, 1988, was about 29.94 lakh tonnes of rice and 65.37 lakh tonnes of wheat as compared to 38.72 lakh tonnes of rice and 78.11 lakh tonnes of wheat procured during the corresponding period of 1987.

(c) The Government has recently contracted for import of 10 lakh tonnes of wheat and 7 lakh tonnes of rice.

NCDC bonds

417. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 25th series of NCDC Bonds which opened for subscription in June, 1988 was over subscribed the same day;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of schemes for which the subscribed amount is likely to be utilised?